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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI FROM BOMBAY MAR 14, 1975

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BOMBAY 0646

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: PAN AVION FREIGHT BILL

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1. RANGANATHA RAO APOLOGIZED FOR NOT HAVING BEEN ABLE TAKE

DECISION ON PAN AVION FREIGHT BILL AS HE HAD PROMISED BUT SAID HE HAD BEEN IN NEW DELHI THREE DAYS DURING PAST WEEK. HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO EXAMINE CASE, HOWEVER, AND PROMISED THAT DECISION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING BY MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK.

2. SINCE HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE CASE, WE PUSHED RANGANATHA RAO A BIT ON HOW THE CASE LOOKS TO HIM. HE ADMITTED THAT "FINAL DECISION" WOULD BE "AFFIRMATIVE" IF IT WERE LEFT TO HIM, BUT HE SAID HE COULD NOT MAKE SUCH A COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME SINCE THERE IS "A GOVERNMENT ANGLE". SINCE "GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INVOLVED", THERE CAN BE NO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION WITHOUT GOVERNMENT CONCURRENCE. (WE ASSUME THIS MEANS RBI DECISION, IF FAVORABLE, MUST GO TO MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR CONCURRENCE.) HE AGREED THAT WE SHOULD CONTACT HIM MARCH 19 OR THEREABOUTS, AT WHICH TIME

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DECISION SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

3. COMMENT: RANGANATHA RAO GAVE US IMPRESSION HE IS
FAVORABLY DISPOSED AND INDICATED THAT RBI DECISION MIGHT WELL
BE IN PAN AVION'S FAVOR. WE WILL WAIT AND SEE, HOWEVER. SIGNED BANE

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